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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 113—Relative to National Military Appreciation Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SCR 113, as introduced, Fuller. National Military Appreciation Month.

This measure would recognize the month of May 2016 as National Military Appreciation Month.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, On December 7, 1941, just before 8 a.m. on a  
2 Sunday morning, the first wave of bombers began the attack on  
3 Pearl Harbor that led the United States into World War II. It was  
4 an unforgettable day for those who lived through it, one which  
5 called America forth to defend itself, and in so doing, inspired a  
6 generation of Americans to rise and lead the defense of freedom  
7 around the world; and  
8 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, America was attacked  
9 again, and again American blood was shed on American soil by a  
10 foreign foe. Most of the casualties of this more recent attack were  
11 civilians, a reflection of the many ways in which the world has  
12 changed since 1941. Once again, a generation of Americans have  
13 been called to rise to the defense of our way of life—this time not

1 against an aggressor nation but against the global terrorist networks  
2 that have targeted us; and

3 WHEREAS, The vigilance of the members of the Armed Forces  
4 has been instrumental to the preservation of the freedom, security,  
5 and prosperity enjoyed by the people of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The success of the Armed Forces depends on the  
7 dedicated service of its members, their families, and the civilian  
8 employees of the federal Department of Defense and the Coast  
9 Guard; and

10 WHEREAS, The role of the United States as a world leader  
11 requires a military force that is well trained, well equipped, and  
12 appropriately sized; and

13 WHEREAS, To maintain such a force, the youth of the United  
14 States must possess a commitment to military service sufficient  
15 to achieve the levels of recruitment and retention necessary to  
16 sustain the strength, vitality, and character of the Armed Forces;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, To foster and sustain such a commitment it is vital  
19 for the youth of the United States to understand that the service  
20 provided by members of the Armed Forces is an honorable legacy  
21 that protects the freedoms enjoyed by citizens of the United States  
22 as well as citizens of many other nations; and

23 WHEREAS, Service in the Armed Forces entails special hazards  
24 and demands extraordinary sacrifices from service members and  
25 their families; and

26 WHEREAS, The support of the families of service members  
27 enhances the effectiveness and capabilities of the Armed Forces;  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The observance of events recognizing the  
30 contributions of the Armed Forces is a tangible and highly effective  
31 way of sustaining morale and improving the quality of life for  
32 service members and their families; and

33 WHEREAS, On April 30, 1999, the United States Senate passed  
34 Senate Resolution 33 (106th Congress), entitled “Designating May  
35 1999 as National Military Appreciation Month,” calling on the  
36 people of the United States, in a symbolic act of unity, to observe  
37 a National Military Appreciation Month in May 1999, to honor  
38 the current and former members of the Armed Forces, including  
39 those who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace; and

1 WHEREAS, It is important to emphasize to the people of  
2 California the relevance of the history and activities of the Armed  
3 Forces through National Military Appreciation Month, which  
4 includes associated local and national observances and activities;  
5 now, therefore, be it

6 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
7 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature honors those men and  
8 women who have served and are serving in our nation's military,  
9 and recognizes the month of May 2016 as National Military  
10 Appreciation Month; and be it further

11 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
12 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.